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**AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

This amendment is in response to the Examiner's letter dated February 11, 2003  
and is being faxed to the Examiner at 703-308-7058.

Applicants first wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out a typographical error  
that resulted in the previous amendment being not fully responsive. Applicants' wish to  
correct the typographical error and resubmit the corrected amendment as set forth, in  
clean form, below. A version of the amendments with markings to show changes made  
appears as Exhibit "A".

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly amend claim 1, as follows, in re-written "clean" form:

--1. (Amended) A method for repairing defects in an article, the article comprising a  
substrate and an existing coating on a surface of the substrate, the article including a first  
plurality of cooling holes extending from the substrate and the existing coating and  
having a predetermined air flow requirement, the plurality of cooling holes having an  
outer shaped portion and an inner metering portion, the method comprising:  
removing the existing coating;

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Thanks again for following this up for me.  
I have faxed over the original fax sheet as well as the accompanying response to the office action. This was originally faxed on 2-20-03.  
If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thanks, Linda

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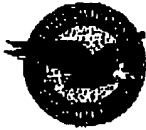
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